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**System and Method for Electronic Message Status Certification**

(Title of the Invention)

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We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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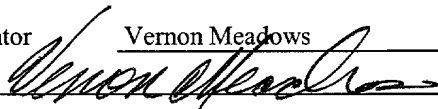
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